



MITIGATED DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE

Description of proposal: "Gunderson Lookout" timber sale Application # 30-084610, FPA# 2610104
The Gunderson Lookout timber sale, located in Sections 17 and 20 of Township 29 North, Range 13 West, of the Olympic Experimental State Forest, is a one unit variable retention harvest encompassing 48.7 acres; excluding leave tree areas and existing road the net harvest acreage is 44.4. The estimated timber volume removal is 1,236 MBF. This proposal also includes a total of 25 feet of reconstruction and 10,032 feet of pre-haul maintenance. The designated rock sources for this proposal are Thunder Creek Pit located in Section 14 of Township 29 North Range 14 West and Mary Clark Pit located in Section 32 of Township 30 North Range 12 West.

Description of mitigation: The following Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) procedures apply:

Northern Spotted Owl: (Procedure PR-14-004-120) This proposal is not located in structural owl habitat, however the sale area is over 50 years of age and will be subject to the acreage limitations within the Dickodochtedar LPU.

Marbled Murrelet: This sale was determined to be non-murrelet habitat by the OESF interim marbled murrelet strategy.

Slope Stability: There are steep slopes within the sale area, but there is no potential for delivery to a public resource and no threat to public safety.

Riparian and/or Wetland Management Zones (RMZ/WMZ): There are no streams or wetlands within or directly adjacent to the proposed sale area.

Retention Trees: Eight retention trees per acre, totaling 390 trees, have been selected and marked with a pink band or yellow leave tree area tags. Wind-firm, dominant, and structurally unique trees were targeted for retention and are arranged both individually and aggregates throughout the proposed sale area.

Roads: Road reconstruction and maintenance activities will be in compliance with the HCP and current Forest Practices regulations. The work detailed in the road plan has been designed to improve surfacing on the haul roads, and provide for better drainage. Soils exposed during road construction activities will be protected from erosion by grass seeding and mulching with hay.

Proponent: Department of Natural Resources – Olympic Region

Location of proposal, including street address, if any: Sale is located approximately 5 road miles north of Forks, Washington via Highway 101, the D-2000, and the D-2020 road system.

Lead agency: Department of Natural Resources



The lead agency for this proposal has determined that it does not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. An environmental impact statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c). This decision was made after review of a completed environmental checklist and other information on file with the lead agency. This information is available to the public on request.

☐ There is no comment period for this Mitigated DNS.

☒ This MDNS is issued under 197-11-340(2); the lead agency will not act on this proposal for 14 days from September 1, 2009. Comments must be submitted by September 15, 2009

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There is no agency SEPA appeal.
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